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**FEBRUARY 19, 2009
WORK & REGULAR MEETING
MINUTES**

FLAG SALUTE – Mayor

INVOCATION – Rev. Tom Douglas, Highland Community Church

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, Green, Norris, Vizthum, Gorman, Caterson

Absent: Falivene

Also Present: Mayor Elco; City Solicitor, Mike Blee; City Administrator, Terry Dolan; CFO, Jessica Thompson & Carie Crone, City Clerk

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON THE SUNSHINE LAW – Lynn

NOTIFICATION THAT THIS MEETING IS ELECTRONICALLY RECORDED – Lynn

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Vizthum – second – Councilman Norris

All were in favor.

WORK MEETING

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS LISTED BELOW ARE FOR DISCUSSION AND MAY BE ACTED UPON AT THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL.

Lynn – asked for a motion to add Res. 64 -09 – appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Motion to approve – Councilman Green – second – Councilwoman Gorman

All were in favor.

2009 ORDINANCES

- 01** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330, Vehicles in Traffic, Section 29.

Lynn – explained this addresses the handicapped parking spots in Bel-Air Lakes, Beazer Homes, specifically on Ables Run. Thanked Terry for all the phone calls and work to settle this. It was asked to have it removed since the person living at the unit left but the neighbor still wanted one. So now it will be moved to the other side on the same street.

Mayor – thanked Terry also for his diligence and time spent. Hopefully we have managed to come to a very comfortable compromise with the residents.

2009 RESOLUTIONS

- 57** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 102 Park Avenue (Block 174, Lot 44). **MOVED**
- 58** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 848 Marlborough Avenue (Block 112, Lots 6 & 7). **MOVED**
- 59** Authorizing a refund of an overpayment of taxes on the property located at 602 Highland Avenue (Block 101, Lot 1). **MOVED**
- 60** Authorizing the acceptance of, and when authorized, the release of various street opening permit security deposits. **MOVED**
- 61** Authorization for an application for community development block grant funding. **MOVED**

Lynn – explained this is to be used for a senior bus.

- 62** Certifying the qualified participants in the Length of Service Award Program (LOSAP) for the calendar year 2008. **MOVED**

- 64** Appointing a Safety Coordinator for the Atlantic County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund.

Joe – at the finance meeting, it was discussed that we needed to do this, so we agreed on this.

MOVED

REGULAR MEETING

2009 ORDINANCES

- 01** Amending the Code of the City of Absecon, Chapter 330, Vehicles in Traffic, Section 29.

Motion to introduce made by Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

ROLL CALL: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes, abstain on 62; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

This ordinance will be posted, laid over and published according to law. A public hearing and second and final readings will be held on March 5, 2009.

Consent Agenda

All matters listed under item, Consent Agenda, are considered to be routine by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be discussed separately.

Resolutions #57 through #64 made up the consent agenda.

Motion to move Consent Agenda – Councilman Green – second – Councilman Norris

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; abstain on 58; Green, yes; abstain on 62; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; abstain on 62; Caterson, yes

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST- \$1,396,504.29

Motion to approve: – Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Green

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

MONTHLY REPORTS – Carie

Construction - \$4,686

Tax Collection - \$1,239,575.63

Clerk - \$4,061.84

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regular Meeting Minutes – 1/6/09 and 1/15/09

Closed Session as to form and content only – 1/15/09

Budget Meeting Minutes – 1/22/09 and 1/29/2009

Motion to approve: – Councilwoman Gorman - second – Councilman Green

Roll Call: Marczyk, yes; Green, yes; Norris, yes; Vizthum, yes; Gorman, yes; Caterson, yes

REPORTS

Mayor –attended a meeting to discuss NJ Ave. progress as well as communications leadership meeting and on 2/26 another meeting will be held to discuss the radios and problems that still occur. Had a budget meeting dealing with the police dept. Thanked Bd. of Education for their “Evening of the Arts” event that was a success. Asked Terry to give update on the Mutual Aid Agreement.

Terry – had concerns about language regarding indemnification and accidental death benefits. He is still reviewing it and will be talking to JIF and the attorney soon. Hopes to be ready by next meeting. Trying to get as much money into our operating budget from the stimulus package that we can, but our primary operating money comes from state aid. Hopes the roof replacement, the insulation and possible solar panels could be included in a package for the state towards an energy grant.

Joe – stimulus package was majority of our discussion at our budget meeting.

Fred – by the middle of March he hopes to have estimate back from the engineer for NJ Ave. work, which will go to the County. All of the work won’t be completed with the intersection because the County does not have the money for it. They plan on doing a 2” mill and overlay from Michigan Avenue to Highland Blvd. Temporary drainage work to alleviate flooding on Highland Blvd and complete restoration west to Rt. 30 will be done. We will go out for one blanket bid for the whole job.

Charlie – had our first meeting Tuesday where we discussed the field schedules and lights. Congratulated Pete Higbee for heading this committee and running a good meeting. Thanked Chief Cowan for the good job at detective work at the ballfields. Damage was done but they followed through.

Jim – our next meeting is 3/5 to discuss downtown project and a possible small business seminar. Next Wed. our committee will meet to discuss the NJ Ave. ideas.

Bobbie – announced upcoming events around the area.

Lynn – was at a meeting with Senator Whelan and Assemblymen and expressed her concerns about the 2.3% tax on commercial construction. She was assured that the businesses that did pay would be refunded if the tax is put into a suspension. State has been in talks with Terry about them wanting to increasing the parking down at the docks. They said they would pay 75% of the development of the land and we would have to come up with 25%.

Terry – plans on unveiling the new website at next meeting. The summer concerts begin 6/28 and go through 8/16 and he currently has 6 out of the 8 bands confirmed.

PUBLIC PORTION

Motion to open to public – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Vizthum

All were in favor. No public comment.

Motion to close – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

CLOSED SESSION – RESOLUTION - #63 - 2009

Attorney Mike Blee – stated the reasons as being:

1. Under the contract negotiation exception to the open public meetings act specifically potential sale regarding Block 39, Lot 2. Those minutes can be disseminated if in fact the sale takes place and all further documents executed by all parties.

He understands that Councilwoman Gorman will be removing herself from this discussion due to a potential conflict of interest.

Motion to enter closed session – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Mike – it's now 8:00 p.m. and the issues discussed were those announced prior to going into executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting – Councilman Norris – second – Councilman Green

All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Carie A. Crone, Clerk

Approved: _____